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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2002 (Paper No. 6).

Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 24 with the following re-written paragraph:

-- The conventional clinical process of optical examination have very limited capabilities in detecting cancerous and pre-cancerous tissue lesions. This is due to the fact that the structural

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